

ILLUSTRATED FASHIONS



the yoke very long and, in effect, like a bolero, the waist of lace or thin white goods showis no opening visithese, the fastenshoulder, and the fit is perfect if they are made right. and style re-

quired to the properly made shirtwaist suit as there is to a tailor-made, and when any one has studied a careless dresser in a shirtwaist and skirt, the two parting company and the whole get-up suggesting that it has been thrown together, it is evident that care must be taken to make a shirtwaist suit look trim.

The dressy shirtwaist of summer is to be white, and many of these are the daintiest creations imaginable. Some made of allover embroideries are so sheer and fine that they seem almost too delicate for use, but they will be comfortable of hot days. A goodly number of these open in the back, and the long blousing effect is seen in front. The waist line certainly is moving up a little, and the ugly trick of trying to bring it down where the hip ought to be is out. The straight front is as stylish as ever, but it is not so exaggerated. It is to be hoped old forms of corset, for there is more comfort to be had from the straight-front model than from any of its predecessors. If a woman is not comfortable in this style of corset, then her corset does not fit her. Just think of the old method of putting on the corset and then simply pulling it so tight that the flesh fairly bulged above and below the waist line, and compare it with the corset of to-day, which is not tight enough anywhere to be uncomfortable. A great many women buy corsets without further test of them than they would give to a tin kettle, but they should be tried on as carefully as a gown would be. Fine makes come in many different shapes, and by patience the shopper can be suited.

Skirts are a problem these days, and it takes a woman a long time to decide just what way she wants her skirts made, for one style looks so pretty in some goods and so ugly in others, that it makes choosing difficult. The new forms of gathering and shirring are really beginning to seem pretty, and are certainly desirable for the thin goods. In heavier materials they are not so attractive. An example was a tan broadcloth, the skirt gathered full in the back, the fullness at the sides laid in little side pleats. In the center of the front were two box pleats. The bodice accompanying this skirt was surmounted by a broad shoulder cape of the cloth and by very loose flowing sleeves, and the whole had a look of excessive bigness. In thinner materials the fashion does not seem so exaggerated, and in the heavier ones undue slenderness may be relieved. The weight of cloth gowns with so much fullness in them is considerare. Skirts showing two box pleats in the sign seems odd at first, but is to be stylish. These box pleats are seen on light twine

TWO MORE NEW SKIRTS.

ing pictures. In the initial is a black-dotted | plainer silks, they are likely to effect a sav-

next picture is a shirred model, the full- hams are especially soft and pretty, and

ness caught in puffings, black panne vel- many a shirtwaist suit made of this fab-

vet and lace insertion yoke trimming it. ric can hardly be told from silk. Etamine

Beside this is a tight model, its fullness is appearing in a linen weave known as

held in tiny tucks. Handkerchief linen and linen etamine and is very pretty. It looks

embroidery insertions were its components. like wool etamine in weave, but it has

The seated figure in the concluding pic- more stiffness and body to it. In this, as in

Its goods was light tan voile. Its trim- pattern robes, and the way in which the

side-pleated model in gray colian, with robe is in the shape of a border woven on.

yoke and sleeves of cluny lace and trim- A very handsome pattern of linen color

mings of fancy passementerie and fringes had for its edge a border in Bulgarian de-

seuted by extraordinary models that, be- regular embroidery of black, and in the

cause of prevailing diversity, do not seem | tenter of each square was a fancy design

overcone. Some full-gathered skirts have a in green. Such a gown will give excellent

quaint, old-fashioned appearance, recalling | service and be very dressy. Another hand-

old-time daguerreotypes with their full some pattern robe in cotton goods was in

white cotton duck bordered with Indian

white lawn smocked down over the hips in ling.

yoke effect. Antique lace worked heavily

suits | to suit the demands of some of the strongheavy linen are minded sisters, not as if they were intended for careful dressers. It is too bad, too, for solid comfort is to be taken in a short suit.

Loose black silk coats are very pretty and stylish. Their decorations are much varied. Many are simply trimmed with white silk stitching, others show lace and passementeries. The three-quarter length is seen a great deal in the loose garments. A wide insertion of antique or cluny down the fronts, bordered on both sides with passementerie, makes a pretty finish. These black slik coats are about as serviceable as any coat that can be had. They are dressy enough to look well with any gown, and may be worn with dark-colored or white dresses. Then there is not the danger of soiling them easily that there is with white or extremely light-colored coats. Lace loose coats in Irish, cluny or antique are beautiful, and if a woman's pocketbook is large enough to admit of it such a coat will be a very enjoyable addition to her wardrobe. They usually are lined with white silk, and some are elaborately trimmed with silk or broadcloth bands. An effective trimming is made by cutting circular pieces out of broadcloth and ornamenting these with black French knots and black silk appliqued pieces. These have afforded much better to let her stay

many different colors may be worked into fancy borders, and yet have the general OF effect of the pattern in the best of taste. The short bolero in fancy and plain design is to be seen a good deal this summer, judging by the models now on view, and it is to be very short, too. Some of them shown on foulard and liberty satin gowns end two or three inches above the waist line so that the waist underneath is shown conspicuously. This shows off a shapely waist nicely, and is extremely unkind to the waist that lacks good lines. Even with a fairly good waist line, the fashion will not do for figures that bulge a bit in front below the waist. A few years ago this would have prohibited the fashion for many women, but happily the straight front has worked wonders of improvement in this matter, so now this warning applies to very few women. New York, April 24.

A LADY FROM INDIANA.

Others Advised to Follow the Example of Miss Styer, of Kokomo.

Western Christian Advocate. The whole country, and in particular the State of Indiana, has been attracted by the remarkable achievement of Miss Carrie Styer, a bright Epworth Leaguer of of many frocks. Kokomo. Some weeks ago she lost her position as cashier in a clothing establishment. She attributed her dismissal to the influence of the liquor men, since she had interested herself actively in looking after saloons that were violating the Sunday ordinances. If the saloonists really

modestly but candidly speculate and opine

that they wish they hadn't. They could



THE BILLOWED AND THE PLAIN.

tabs on the front of lace coats. A wrap of wrought their own undoing, for they seem this sort is hard to improve on for car- to have run up against a rather formidriage wear and dressy occasions.

able, admirably light as the new weaves clusively seem to be the limit of softness | do she has devoted her spare time, in a cloths and canvases, as well as on cloth checked louisine silks are very fine. Their law. She makes house-to-house canvass. skirt models is not easy, but in dress-ups white are another. These shepherd checks it is many times more difficult. Lucky the appear in all sizes from pin-head to the For her there is hope that she will early deal of bright coloring in the designs, a in her search decide that one particular bright shade of pink being especially model is the very thing. True, she may abundant. These figured silks do not need repent at her leisure, but anyhow she will as much trimming as do the plain ones, so be saved the annoyance of being able to although the cost of the new importations her entire satisfaction. Hint of the diver- the amount of trimming that will be resity that exists is given in the accompany- quired on them, as compared with the

Some new thin silks for summer use ex- Since she has had really nothing else to and lightness. In spite of all that is said neat and effective way, to working up in any combination of colors desired. The center of the front are numerous. This de- from year to year of the going out of the public sentiment against the drink traffic separate silk waist there is no fear of its and obtaining the signatures of voters to departure this season. For these, new blanket remonstrances under the Nicholson make a modish collar. softness is one attraction, and the tiny | Down in the business section of the city The matter of choice from the simpler checks in black and white or blue and she has thus driven out of trade three of stock. They are very dainty and fragile the most conspicuous drinking places, and looking, but are quite strong enough to thirteen other bars will, as soon as pres- stand laundering. These can be adjusted ent licenses expire, find themselves de- over a colored foundation or made the edge woman given to impulsive enthusiasms. inch-square. Importations of silks show a barred by the "remonstrance," with its trimming or insertions with open effect. knock-out, "solar plexus" blows. The sa- In the first way the stock will have to be loon men have, in their discomfiture, ap- cut out, stiffened and made up, then the pealed to the Superior Court in the hope of wheels carefully fitted over it. Three proving the remonstrance ineffective; but so far the statute has held its ground. Miss Styer is now paying her respects to the a turnover collar to a palin taffeta stock other wards of the city, and it is predicted is a pretty and practical style, and one choose, only after a long search and not to may seem big, when the shopper considers that Kokomo, with its 16,000 population that any one could make. and about forty saloons, will soon be as dry as a powder keg. The bibulous inhabitants will go about singing the college song, "Oh, How Dry I Am!" and the famous remark of the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Caro- stocks made of it are generally intended lina, "It's a long time between drinks," will be quite applicable to imbibing Kokomoians. This lady, who keeps within the strict limits of the law and does all her smashing with that terribly effective hatchet-the remonstrance-is reported as highly cultivated and of pleasing personality. ming. She wins wherever she goes and has the sympathy and support of the Civic League, the churches and the reform element of the city. Naturally the National Brewers' Association is not hilariously well pleased. Its representatives have beeen trying to stem the tide against them, but it looks as if this plucky young woman would | an imitation, both in stitch and design, of win out over them all. Her revenge must be exceedingly sweet to her, and we are not sorry a bit that she is getting it. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," saith the Lord. But the way he does it, some times, is through human personalities of the

The plight of the saloon keepers-hoist with their own petard-is such a sorry one that it seems almost wicked not to offer them a little commiseration. They are in a peck of trouble. But their hard luck is so ridiculous that we can only laugh at their predicament. "The Lord shall hold them in derision," too, we rather think. Pitch on a lone little woman trying to make her way in the world, will you ever again, ye knights of the flask and flagon? (Chorus: "Never again! Not if we know ourselves!") Get a Christian girl discharged because she's trying, in her commendable zeal for law and righteousness, to bring lawbreakers to time, will you? (Full chorus, with brass band "If you'll forgive us just this once we'll never do it again! We're kicking ourselves now all over the lot for our idiocy!") And shall Miss Styer be the only one shall thus immortalize herself? Behold what

We believe this Nicholson remonstrance law one of the most effective instruments ever devised wherewith to down the saloon. It only needs, in many places, some one or few who will imitate this Kokomo heroine and take up the matter practically and determinedly, as she has done, in order to secure many victories. The opportunity is God's appeal, saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Who in Indiana will answer, Isaiah-like, promptly, with faith and courage, "Here am I; send me!" and go forth with the Son of God to war, Some new importations in wash goods are | coming up to the help of the Lord against | in black silk trimmed it. At the left in the hard to distinguish from silk. Silk ging- the mighty?

Tolstoy Learns a New Language.

The current number of the Literary Digest contains an interesting account of "esperanto," the supplanter in European esteem of volapuk as an international language. The following "testimonial" from Tolstoy indicates both the excellence of the new speech and the intellectual activity of ture displays a skirt gathered at the top. its sister weave in wool, there are beautiful the aged Russian author: "I found 'volapuk' very complicated, while 'esperante,' on mings were yak lace and fancy fringe or- pattern is used can give individuality to learn that recently, having received the contrary, is very simple. It is so easy to in that idiom, I was able at the end of two short hours to easily read the language and even to write some of it. The trouble involved in a few hours' study is so slight, in gray. Fashionable extremes are repressign. This was in squares outlined in irsented by extraordinary models that her regular embroidery of black and in the should refuse to make the attempt."

ne looks to see a bird's wing brush the blue, Vith lips arched like the veriest bow of love, And hair that falls a glory 'round her brow; And yet within, beneath, behind it all. Occasionally a suit is seen in which the colors. There was a variety of color in Have spied, with that intenser sight, my soul. skirt clears the ground and which comes nearer the waiking length promised last winter than anything had lately. There is, however, little style to these models. They so will be useful to those who practice economy. It is surprising to see how this robe, for in the embroidery were blue, tan, red and black. This gives a chance for many different colors in neck arrange—o'er the iron song of wheels and hoofs, have heard with spirit ear, Undeafened by an instant sympathy.

The tears of all the mothers of the world.

Frederic Lawrence Knowles, in Boston Transcript.

NECKWEAR THAT MAY BE MADE B' SKILLFUL NEEDLEWOMEN.

cator to Women-New Fancywork-Odds and Ends.

There is an airy saying that a French woman can evolve more interesting hats and neckties out of a ragbag than most | doubt, be followed by others throughout American women can from the range of a good store. That, says the Philadelphia Ledger, may be true sometimes. It is to be hoped that generally it isn't. This season, however, the American woman has a fine chance to see what she can do in the line of expert handwork on stocks, neckties and

collars approved by fashion

materials to use, and where to get them fits almost any one to make the pretty modish things that are being worn in such profusion, and are so necessary to the adornment

One of the most interesting articles of neckwear is the large circular collar, made generally of a favorite lace, built round medallions of silk, linen, cloth or other lace work. The favorite shapes in this collar are the circular, coming well down over the arms, and the stole collar, smaller in the did bring about Miss Styer's discharge we | collar part and having long ends in front reaching far below the waist line. Outlined patterns for making these collars can be bought at all the art needlework departments at the stores. There, too, can be procured the proper thread for the lace work and a wide range of braids. The latter are particularly interesting, showing many kinds. Among the braids fashionable just now for the "renaissance" work are those showing a pretty blending of colors, which, when made into the collar, is very pretty. collar, is generally left to be filled in as desired. One of the prettiest things used for this is bolting cloth, painted with small landscapes, sprays of flowers or heraldic crests-anything, in fact, that is pretty and would make a suitable design for repetition in this way. The medallions are also made of plain Japanese crash and of taffeta. The purpose for which the Japanese crash

is most used, however, is for the embroidered turnover collar and stock combined. This material, cut in any shape desired and embroidered in scallops around the edges, is the modish small neckwear that is very simply made, and will laundry excellently. Any amount of elaborate embroidery may be put into these. One of the popular designs of the hour is the grape pattern. This is done in any color. A small bunch of grapes repeated around the stock and on the tab in front is a favorite style. Another pattern, which is much simpler and very easy to embroider, is the single walls of Troy design. A stock of pale ecru crash, with the design done in grass green silk around the upper part of it, and a neat tie of mousseline de sole to match the embroidery drawn around the lower part of the stock and tied in a very small bow in front, is a pretty one and easy to make at home. Chiffon commends itself where much soft fluffiness is required, as the pendant ruffle at the front it is very suitable. One pretty and inexpensive stock, combining chiffon, lace and ribobn velvet, has the stock proper made of a band of Irish crochet lace the full width of it. On this are sewed at the top and bottom and along the middle rows of quarter inch coral velvet. Two fanshaped ruffles of white chiffon, one a little longer than the other and under it, form able and embarrassing proposition in her. | the pendant piece at the front. These are edged with the velvet surmounted on the stock with a motif of Irish crochet lace. This scheme can, of course, be reproduced lace and chiffon of ecru and the velvet light fon of white and velvet of black would

Teneriffe drawn work in wheels that come by the dozen and are inexpensive can be and all its brightness will return. used in a number of ways to form pretty wheels of Teneriffe on the end of a tab and a row of very small wheels forming

Stocks and collars of brierienne are other notable features of fashionable neckwear. can be bought at any of the stores. This is so very open and of wide mesh that to be worn over some substantial dress the trouble of cleansing it with ether. Saturate the spots with the ether and

tab in front is a popular mode of trim-

What Is New in Fancywork. Good Housekeeping.

The lovely "ecclesiastical embroidery" will be an especial favorite this year. It is the rich old vestment broideries of medieval Italy. This Italian work is being applied to many branches of home furnishings, but it is so successful as a decoration for beds and table linen that one feels tempted to call this its field. Some very handsome lunch cloths are being embroidered in white silk on white linen, using this striking pattern. They "do up beautifully" and are hardly more trouble to wash than the plain articles.

Another popular style which launders easily and well in Irish hand embroidery. executed with Irish cotton upon linen. you would be irreproachably elegant the linen should be hand woven. Sets of bed and table linen worked in this beautiful fashion are being much used at present as wedding gifts and for trousseaus.

Although the white embroidered lunch cloth is first favorite with the woman who must consider time and laundry bills, the colored cloths are greatly liked just now. The most popular, as far as it is possible to discriminate, are those of colored linenbuff, delft blue, violet, etc., with a large dashing design in colored silks. Flower and fruit patterns are first choice as to deis almost entirely covered with a profusion of sprays and blossoms; at other times the decoration takes the form of a flowing but well defined border. The fruit is interspersed with graceful sprays of its own foliage. The strawberry, grape and wild rose patterns are among the most efeach lunch cloth. They are miniature reproductions of it in material and design. Birthday sofa pillows are new for hot weather cushions. There are twelve patterns, one appropriate to each month of the year. The designs for these pillows may be had stamped upon colored linens and other cool materials, making them especially nice for summer porch work.

Progress Among Foreign Women.

New York Evening Post. The independence of the American and English woman, for a long time regarded as a scandal on the continent, in time came naments. The artist's last selection was a each gown, for the pattern on this kind of grammar, a dictionary, and several articles to be envied, and is now being emulated everywhere. All trades and professions are being opened to women in such conservative countries as Russia, Holland and Germany. In Russia there are several business firms conducted wholly by women, and they recently rather startled the minister of finance, M. Witte, by sending him a petition requesting him to allow them to do business on their own account in the Stock Exchange instead of employing brokers. The minister asked for time to consider the petition.

In Holland a certain Miss Cremer, who has just taken her degree of doctor of philosophy, applied to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, asking to be admitted to serve as a duly qualified pastor. Her petition was refused by a major. tor. Her petition was refused by a major-ity of one vote, but the discussion which was aroused by her radical request showed

a liberal disposition on the part of many members of the synod, and a willingness to-extend the field of work for Dutch women. Perseverance being an essential virtue of the pastoral office, Miss Cremer may yet win her permission to preach.

In Germany the woman have been applying for admission to the universities in such numbers that the authorities are alarmed, and it is rumored that conditions for admission will be made more and more stringent in the future, in hopes of discouraging the attendance of women. In Prussia, which has never made any important concessions to the demands of women, the reaction is apparently stronger than elsewhere. So severe have the conditions for admittance been made at the University of Berlin that the enrollment decreased nearly one-half in a single semester. In this university women are not matriculated at all now, and can attend lectures only as "hearers," and that by special permission. The example of the leading institution in Berlin will, no

Far from indicating the failure of the women students to show themselves worthy of the higher education, the attitude of the German authorities is plainly one of defense against an advance they little believed in at the outset. They frankly admit as much. Many Germans object to the presence of women in lecture rooms, while appreciating erudition in those who have acquired their knowledge elsewhere. A A general knowledge of sewing, of proper | celebrated professor of Sanskrit of Berlin accepted the assistance of an American woman in certain of his works, but when she expressed a desire to listen to one of his lectures he replied that she might do so, and welcome over the telephone. She

Republics Versus Woman.

Norman Hapgood, in Collier's Weekly.

Our country, according to M. Le Roux, is in danger from the precedence given to woman. Minerva, according to him, sprang from the head of Jove, not from the head of Juno. He is afraid of too many grass eggs in America. Now along comes one Mrs. Woolsey, with a book to prove the exact opposite. The book is shrill and innocent, but the fact that it found a publisher perhaps proves that the woman's rights spouters are not all dead. This volume, called "Republics vs. Woman," demonstrates that it is better for women to live in monarchies, for in England or China woman has a chance to become Queen. of pure white silk; some, in Persian effects, whereas with us she cannot be President. She is not in the directory, her face on the currency is impersonal, there are no treets named for her and no battlesh The braids are about a quarter of an inch | the funeral of even a President's wife is wide. In the stamped pattern bought at the private, and there is no place for women store the medallion, repeated throughout the thor's notes, her hits against the tyrant sex were received by her woman audience with "shrieks of laughter." The response might have been elicited had the audience been composed of men. The work deserves the serious consideration of Lavinia, Queen of the Holland Dames, of Sorosis, and of Carrie Nation. It proves cated, hypocritical, licentious and condemned country on the face of the earth, because its governors are men.

> "During the time I kept tag," says the author, whose English is remarkable, "I found that over three-fourths of the tims of murder were women-the majority of their murderers being their husbands,' Russia ought to address a note to "that masculine oligarchy, the American Republic, especially as the murderers are, in the vast majority of cases, native-born American men.

> Royal women can propose marriage and ask for dances; but no woman in this country, according to Mrs. Woolsey, has either of these privileges. Sancta simplicitas. There is something holy in such ignorance. About her we would ask, as she asks about all worthy women, "Where are its public monuments to such?" In America, when a man becomes drunk he uses an ax to beat his wife's brains

him happy.

Peach leaves powdered to a pulp and applied to a bruise or wound from a rusty nail or a simple cut will give immediate

A source of entertainment to a little boy with the whooping cough was a box of gray, brown and yellow wafers and a large calendar. A record was kept of the weather during two months by pasting a yellow wafer for a bright day, a gray one for a cloudy day, and a brown one for a hopelessly gloomy or stormy day.

If new tinware is rubbed over with fresh lard, then thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, it will never rust afterblue would be pretty, or the lace and chif- | ward, it is said, no matter how much it is put into water. If the teapot or coffee pot s discolored on the inside, boil it for a short time in a strong solution of borax,

> The prettiest of the flowered organdy gowns have deep yokes of guipure or fine all-over embroidery around the hips, and the lower part of the skirt, tucked vertically and finished with a broad hem, is gathered to this yoke. The bodice for this variety of skirt has a yoke and undersleeves of lace or embroidery to match. "Art jewelry," as it is called, in gold,

silver and cut steel, is the present fad in fancy ornamentation. This consists of costly buttons, chatelaine appendages, brooches and belt buckles of various quaint devices. also dog-collar clasps and hat ornaments, some of the latter being set with mock opals or dark blue faceted crystals.

Vaseline stains are about as obstinate as any to remove from clothing. If the stained garment is fine, it is worth while to go to spread smoothly on a clean surface. Cover grease stains, but it should be used with

Slates have gone out of schoolroom use altogether in enlightened communities, but they are still convenient things to have in the household. A slate in the kitchen, once used, becomes a necessity. On it may be jotted down the amount of ice taken, the extra milk and cream ordered to be paid for with the weekly reckoning, kitchen wants, the time the cake went into the oven, memoranda of all kinds. A small slate in the sewing room is also a convenience.

TO PLANT SWEET PEAS.

They Must Be Planted Deep and Now Is None Too Early. E. E. Rexford, in Lippincott.

The sweet pea is a peculiar plant in quite unlike that given other plants if we would have it do its best. It must be planted very early-as soon, in fact, as the ground can be dug up to receive the seed. This because it is a plant that does better in cool weather than in heat, and the conditions which prevail in spring are precisely those best suited to it in getting a Notes on Elue Paper. start. If it form strong roots before the hot weather is upon us, and these roots are deep in the soil, where they will remain moist and cool, we may expect fine flowers, and a great many of them, but if we give it a shallow planting, which brings its roots near the surface, and a late one, which obliges it to get its start in weather not to its liking, we need not wonder if it disappoint us. The plan I follow with it is this: In April I dig V-shaped trenches about six inches deep. I sow the seed in the bottom of these about an inch apart I cover it with about an inch of soil, which I press down firmly. When the plants have grown to a height of three inches I fill in about them with some of the soil thrown out from the trench. I continue to do this at intervals as the vines reach up until the trench is filled. In this way I succeed in getting the roots of the plants deep in cool, moist soil. The best trellis for them is one made by fastening coarse-meshed wire netting to posts. It should be at least six feet wide, as the sweet pea makes a rampant growth under favorable circumstances. In order to assure a bountiful crop of flowers throughout the season it should be given plenty of ventilation and is absolutely necessary to prevent the formation of seed. Go over the vines daily and remove every flower past its prime.

If this advice is followed, we can have fine flowers, and plenty of them, from June to November.

When grosbeaks show a damask rose Amid the cherry blossoms white, And early robins' nests disclose To loving eyes a joyous sight; When columbines like living coals

Are gleaming 'gainst the lichened rocks,
And at the foot of mossy boles

Are young anemones in flocks;

When ginger-root beneath twin leaves Conceals its dusky floral bell, And showy orchid shyly weaves In humid nook its fragrant spell; When dandelion's coin of gold Anew is minted on the lawn,

of | And maple trees their fringe unfold While warblers storm the groves at dawn; When these and more greet eye and ear,
Then strike thy tasks and come away:
It is the joy-month of the year,
And onward sweeps the tide of May.

-John Burroughs, in the May Centur



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began to get a few hard Bumps when Ma terfield, while the Girls were expected to bought a Work on Etiquette. Up to that brace up and follow in the footsteps of Mrs. time the Outfit had not tried to throw on | Sherwood.

any Lugs. The Male Contingent slouched around the House in their Shirt Sleeves, while the Girls often came to Breakfast in their Bal-



BOTH ELBOWS ON THE TABLE.

loon Wrappers and never thought of primping until about 3 p. m. Father had an assortment of Rube Table Manners, left over from his early Experience on the Farm. He never saw the sense of changing that the United States is the most intoxi- Knives when he hacked into the Butter, and as for using the side of the Spoon he never could get the Hang of it.

Up to the Time that he married and be came House-broke, he had been a Sword-Swallower in a \$4 Beanery. For years he up-ended his Soup Plate so as to get all that was coming to him, and cooled his Coffee in the Saucer and concluded his Exhibition of Barbaric Sports by using a large, limber piece of Bread as a Mop.

His Wife worked on him for twenty years and finally had him so civilized that he no longer tucked the Napkin inside of his Collar, although he still put both Elbows on the Table and groaned a little just before tackling the Pie.

Ma belonged to several Clubs and began out. In monarchies, the liquor only makes | to meet the Lady Managers of Society. It was her Ambition to lift her own Family out of the Skate Division and get the whole Bunch into the local 400. That is why she bought the Volume containing this year's League Rules for cutting into High Life.

She wanted the Boys to forget their cornfed Origin and do the Reginald Act and learn how to act in the Presence of Ladies. They were mostly Hands and Feet and had no Ambition in Life except to play Baseball, but, still, she went to work on them hopefully, knowing that our most Exclusive Circles are more or less clogged up with Counterfeits whom Nature intended for the Hayfields.

The Girls were a Sad Lot when Ma lined them up and decided to transform them into Drawing Room Queens. They were Gumchewers of the most abandoned Type,



LARGE-SIZED ROAST FOR ALL.

and what they did to the English Language it would be a shame to tell. Each of them | but at last they came home all speeded up some respects, and requires treatment was more or less stuck on some chinless Percy, who wore his Watch Chain high up | could not travel in the same Class, and and rubbed himself with Eau de Cologne. They had read Popular Novels until they were a trifle Moony. Their conception of Romance was to eat Pickles and write

Ma's Purpose in studying the Book of Eti- | Society. quette was to remove the Kinks from this array of Raw Material

THE CARE OF VIOLETS.

This Is the Season for Setting Them Out-A Few Useful Hints. Philadelphia Ledger.

This is the season when the cuttings from the old violet plants should be placed in pots for the continuation of their yearly growth. The slips should be insterted in a sand box six inches apart or placed in separate pots. Two-inch pots are the best size to begin with. When the roots begin to show the plants should be taken from | and its promoters are certain of its comthese pots and placed in those of three-inch size. While growing at this stage violets shade. For the latter sprinkling of naptha or white lead, or protection by means of slats is suggested to keep off too much sun. The soil for the proper nourishment of the flowers should be of loam mixed with one-sixth of manure and a dash of pure

The plants are watered only when mod-When the leaves of the violet plant show the least sign of decay they should be clipped off and burned. Leaf spot, a disease to which violet plants are very susceptible can be kept down in many cases by promptly picking off and burning the infected parts. This is one of the most dreaded diseases from which the plants suffer. Too much watering of indoor plants or exposure to storms and heavy dew outside is responsible for much of the prevalence of

During the spring and summer months the violet plant is assailed by an enemy in the form of the red spider. To rout the pest the best treatment is forcible syringing with water at the roots and lower surface. The treatment should be administered in the early part of the day, so that the plants may be pretty well dried in the sunny air before meaning sets in. The clearer the dose not live by bread alone.

Once there was a Happy Family that . She wanted each of the Boys to be a Ches.

As Director of the Training School she had to call them down about 1,000 times per Day. When she had Company the Boys always forgot to arise when a Lady entered the Room. When Dinner was announced they were always first at the Table. Instead of conversing with the Persons seated next to them, they humped over and got

busy with the Vittles. As for the Girls, they usually flocked in a Corner and had a Whispering Bee. At the Table they would get an Attack of the Giggles without letting any one else in on the Good Thing, thus making it very enjoyable for the Guests.

To cap the Climax the Male Parent would usually try to lift the Gloom by springing some ancient Wheeze outlawed by Haverly's Minstrels as far back as 1880.

Ma had a proud Chance to Win a Social Standing So long as she was handicapped by that Band of Yokels. Just when she would be talking Art with a Massachusetts Accent one of the Boys would break in with a Demand for a Second Helping of Caullflower. Or else the Prize Blacksmith, in a well-meaning effort to be Hospitable, would urge the Lady Opposite to pitch in and East some more.

After Dinner it often happened that Ma would tout the Accomplishments of the Young Ladies. Accordingly they would be urged to Play Something. At which they would hang back and snicker and do a Sta

Hopkins Specialty. While they were killing Time, Father would usually fall asleep, with his Mouth open, or else one of the Boys would upset something in trying to do a Sneak from the

As soon as the last unhappy Guest had escaped into the Night there would be a



TEARING UP THE SCENERY.

large-sized Roast waiting for the whole Tribe. Ma would sit up until 1 o'clock reminding them of all the Horrible Breaks they had made. She said that sitting around in the Kitchen cracking Hickory Nuts was about their Size when it came to playing the Society Game. She allowed that they would be more at Home if they moved out to some Ranch and associated with the Live Stock. When Ma got riled she forgot her Culture Club training and handed out a very Tabasco Line of Conversation.

She said she was good and tired of trying to make Ladies and Gentlemen out of a Flock of Yaps who took after their Father. At this, she would get a Rise out of Father. He said he didn't propose to strain himself being Polite to a lot of Four-Flushes who owed him Money. That was the Trouble with Father. He was President of the Company and seemed to think that his Official Position gave him a Right to break Crackers into his Soup. He refused to wear a White Tie with his Evening Clothes just because some cheap Department Manager had set the Style.

As for the Offspring, they were too mullet-headed to get wise to Ma's magnificent System of doing the Heavy. When it came to a toss-up between a Pink Tea and a Variety Show, they put their Spending Money on the Coon Song. Any time that Ma dressed them up and took them out

to meet the Elite, they hung back. At last Ma saw that the only Hope lay in shipping the whole Pack away to hightoned Schools in the East.

For several Years the Rising Generation put a terrific Crimp in Father's Income, and then they were so Fly that Father even Ma could get a few Pointers from

At present they are tearing up the Scenery in their Touring Cars, and they have the Nerve to tackle any kind of

MORAL-A patient Woman can Educate anyone except her own Husband.

day the better for this operation, as it

should be remembered that too much

dampness is hurtful to the violet plants.

A little care will have to be taken, there-

fore, in the treatment, excellent for the

annihilation of the spider enemy, but rather a trial to the endurance of the plant itself. The Girlless Telephone.

Harper's Weekly. An invention which promises to do away with much profanity-expressed or implied -and any quantity of vexation is now being tried on a large scale in Chicago. It is already satisfactorily at work in a dozen cities with a population of 25,000 and over, plete success in the largest cities. It is the automatic, "secret service," girlless teleshone. By means of the automatic switchboard the telephone girls at the central stations are absolutely done away with. When a number is wanted you simply turn a small dial, like that which operates the combination of a vault, to the numerals which which make up the required number, in their consecutive order. Then you press a button which rings the call bell on the other telephone, and the connection is complete. The whole operation is automatic in and interrup or overhear a conversation; and a person speaking cannot be cut off before he has finished. Though more than one telephone company in a city is a nui-sance, the adoption of an automatic switchpoard would certainly go far towards remedying most of the faults of the present system. The Chicago company has already spent several millions of dollars in the

have 10,000 telephones in operation within the next two or three months. Dialogues of the Day.

building of tunnels for its wires, and will